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## A walk of art throughout Halifax

Lauren Isabelle poses for a photo near some art on Gottingen Street on Thursday. Lauren will be hosting a Graffiti and Street Art Walk on Saturday as part of the internationally renowned Jane's Walk series. See [metroNEWS](#). JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Shannon Park plan

### REVITALIZATION

### Work could begin on site within 3 years



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

More than a hundred residents gathered in the now-closed Shannon Park Arena Thursday for what officials are calling the baby steps towards building a vision for the former military site.

Rodger Martin, the vice president of the Atlantic region for Canada Lands Company, the commercial crown corporation that bought the 85-acre property last April, presented to the crowd in the first of what he says will be a series of consultation sessions to determine a "consensus-based plan" for redeveloping the area.

"We come into these consul-

tations with no preconceived ideas," Martin said, explaining the overall goal of Thursday's meeting was not to answer questions or lay out preliminary plans for the site, but only to introduce the company and gather residents' feedback on how best to roll out a consultation program.

For example, residents were handed a survey asking what forms of communication they most preferred and what content should be discussed during consultations.

"It can't happen fast enough," resident Maurice Muise said. "I think it's about time that someone or somebody grabbed a hold of these lands and do something productive with it."

Martin explained the company will first consult with community members and various stakeholders to develop a master plan for the area. Then, after receiving approval, it will begin re-servicing the entire area.



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Martin Clayton lays out some patio stones in front of Durty Nelly's on Argyle Street on Thursday. Chris Tzaneteas, manager at the The Argyle Grill and Bar, said since opening in 1997, he's never gone this long without having his patio open for customers. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Bars hit hard by cold weather

### ECONOMY

### Chilly spring affects patios, hurts business

Julia Manoukian  
Metro | Halifax

The never-ending winter has eclipsed many activities typical for this time of year, and Halifax patios are no exception.

Chris Tzaneteas, manager at The Argyle Grill and Bar, said since opening in 1997, he's

never gone this long without having his patio open for customers.

"Mother Nature hasn't co-operated very well," Tzaneteas said with a chuckle.

In the past, the sidewalk patio opened as early as April 20, meaning The Argyle could get a few "good days" early in the season, he said.

"It makes a significant difference in our sales if we've got a day that's 25 C," he explained.

While the sidewalk patio, which seats 70, is set to open this weekend, the rooftop patio, which boasts a capacity of about

150, won't open until the Thursday before May long weekend.

"That's like opening up another restaurant for the day," he said about the rooftop location.

Shaun O'Hearn, owner of Your Father's Moustache, confirmed the bar's famous rooftop patio would not be opening on its usual May 1 date.

The patio is equipped with fireplaces and heating lamps

and seats about 120 (compared to the 160 inside).

O'Hearn suspects the patio will be open next week with temperatures forecast to be in the high teens, "which is really not that far behind."

Because Nova Scotia weather can change so quickly, he said, it's not uncommon to be setting up the patio in snowstorms.

"I think everybody has cabin

fever, especially after this winter," he said.

He recalls one weekend in March three years ago when temperatures hit the mid-20s, the rooftop patio raked in "astronomical sales," doubling the normal revenue.

He wouldn't disclose actual figures, but "our sales will go up almost one hundred per cent sometimes on beautiful days."

As for The Argyle, the patio is almost fully set up for the weekend. Tzaneteas just hopes the weather cooperates.

"People can sit out there — with their coats on, mind you,

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The number of businesses that have applied to have outdoor patios in the city this year. The outdoor patio season runs until November.  
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“It's actually very common that we're upstairs setting up the patio while it's snowing.”

Shaun O'Hearn

but they can have something to eat and drink. Hopefully Mother Nature will come around in May and make it up for us.”

## Homeless in Halifax to get more shelter spaces

A new housing program announced Thursday aims to provide shelter for 50 homeless people in Halifax.

The goal of the meeting was to provide information for implementation partners, or service providers, who will be responsible for key tasks such as intake of homelessness, assessment, housing support and fol-

lowup, explained Sue LaPierre, director of strategies and partnerships for United Way Halifax.

The biggest difference with the Housing First program philosophy is that people who come into the program don't need to meet a certain criteria, said LaPierre.

"They don't have to be free from addictions, they don't have

to be free from mental health issues," she said.

Individuals also have some choice as to where they live, as opposed to just "being placed somewhere," she added.

Potential service providers will go through an application and interview process with United Way Halifax. Once a provider is chosen, they can

reach out to correctional facilities and shelters to start permanently housing the homeless, said LaPierre.

The Housing and Homelessness Partnership is a coalition of eight organizations committed to working together to put an end to homelessness and housing poverty in the Halifax region. JULIA MANOUKIAN/FOR METRO

### + PARTNERSHIP

#### Organizations helping out

The parties of The Housing and Homelessness Partnership include: Halifax Regional Municipality, Housing Nova Scotia, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corpora-

tion, the Affordable Housing Association of Nova Scotia, the Investment Property Owners Association of Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Health Authority, IWK and United Way Halifax.



## CRIME

## Thieves nab purse, K-9 unit recovers it

Police are investigating a robbery after two men allegedly stole a woman's purse and bolted into the woods in Dartmouth.

Officers responded to a report of a robbery in the 0-100 block of Jackson Road around noon on Thursday, after a 32-year-old woman was approached by two men who allegedly took her purse.

Police say the woman was unharmed and the men fled on foot.

Police with a K-9 unit later retrieved the woman's purse from a wooded area in Dartmouth, near where the incident occurred.

Around 12:43 p.m., officers spotted a 44-year-old man walking in the area who matched the description of one of the robbers.

Police said late Thursday the man remained in custody and was being interviewed, while a second suspect had yet to be found. METRO



Police investigate a robbery in a wooded area at the base of Jackson Road on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## SUSPECTS SOUGHT

## Man robbed at knifepoint: Police

Police are investigating after they say a man was robbed at knifepoint in downtown Halifax Thursday morning.

Const. Diane Woodworth of the Halifax Regional Police said they received a call at about 9:14 a.m. from a 32-year-old man who said he had been robbed by two men in the area of Morris and Queen streets.

"One of them had a knife and

he handed over his wallet and they took his cash and took off," Woodworth said.

Police brought in a K-9 unit and were searching the area for suspects Thursday morning.

The man with a knife is described as white, five foot eight and aged 15 to 18 with dark hair and a clean-shaven face. He was wearing a black hoodie and jeans.

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Janet Knox, president and CEO of the Nova Scotia Health Authority, speaks at Province House on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# New sterilizers help QEII avoid problems

## HEALTH

**More than 400 surgeries postponed in past two weeks**

**\$100,000**

The estimated cost of the type of sterilization machine used at the QEII.



Stephanie Taylor  
Metro | Halifax

The Halifax Infirmary is getting its sterilization machines replaced — and that's good news, says the head of the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

President and CEO Janet Knox said the replacement process represents one step toward ensuring that equipment failures, such as last month's, can be avoided in

the future.

Knox spoke with reporters Thursday, saying the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre will be receiving five new equipment sterilizers after black debris was discovered on medical instruments last month, postponing more than 400 surgeries.

"The postponement of surgeries is a major concern for us and we deeply regret the impact on our patients," she said.

Knox explained the black flecks were a result of corrosion,

caused by the way steam entered the machines.

She said the age of the machines, which were around 15 years old, and how frequently the sterilizers were used both contributed in part to the malfunction, therefore new "corrective actions" would be implemented. "It's not just a straight, 'It's 10 years old, it's time for a replacement.' There's a whole series of factors," Knox said.

A yearly maintenance exam is performed on the machines, but the problem went undetected, she added.

Health Minister Leo Glavine said a stronger provincewide inventory of hospital equipment is needed to have a better replacement plan in place for when machinery is nearing the end of its lifespan.

The equipment sterilizers at the Halifax Infirmary had an expectancy of 20 to 25 years, he added.

"Yes, they're in service perhaps longer than what they should be, but it's a very, very different demand on the equipment today than when they were first installed."

In the meantime, Knox said the hospital has completed 75 per cent of its surgeries, and it will begin sending patients to other facilities around the province.

She expects it will still be a few months until the new sterilizers are installed and fully operational.

Glavine said the cost of the equipment is an estimated \$500,000, without including installation.

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## IN BRIEF

**House-fire murder case adjourned until May 15**

The case of a man accused in the deaths of three people in a house fire in the Halifax area has been adjourned for two weeks.

Defence lawyer Malcolm Jeffcock said he needs more time to review the most recent psychiatric report on his client Codey Reginald Hennigar, who is charged with three counts of second-degree murder.

Jeffcock said he received the report only on Wednesday, and the case was adjourned until May 15.

Hennigar was arrested after the remains of three people were found in a home in January.

Clifford William Ward, 81, Mildred Ann Ward, 54, and Ida Raye Ward, 54, died after a fire broke out on Jan. 7 in a rural wooded area about 25 kilometres northeast of Halifax's airport.

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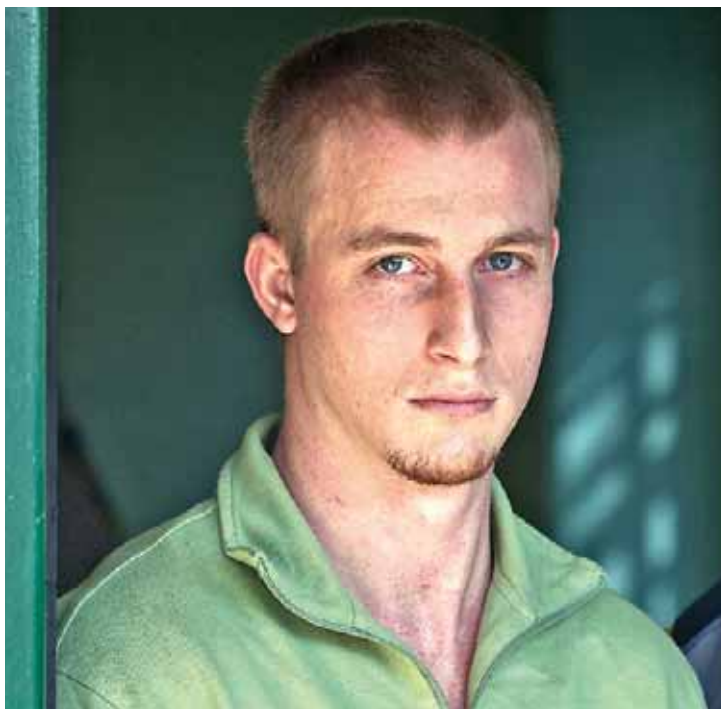
**Two teens rescued after dinghy springs a leak**

Police rescued two 15-year-old boys from Paper Mill Lake Island on Wednesday night after the dinghy they were on sprung a leak.

Just before 10 p.m., the teens called 911 saying they were stranded on the island after the leak occurred and their dinghy deflated.

Search and rescue was called by Halifax Regional Police and members used a canoe to rescue the teens from the island.

Paramedics checked the two boys, who were medically cleared and returned home. METRO



Blake Leggette, left, and Victoria Henneberry will sentenced to life in prison for the killing of Loretta Saunders in February 2014. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

# Loretta Saunders murder evidence released to public

## CRIME

## Writings from jail cell reveal details leading up to slaying



Haley Ryan  
Metro | Halifax

Evidence submitted in the Loretta Saunders murder case was made available to media Thursday, a day after the two convicted in her death were sentenced to life in prison.

Much of the exhibits detail information included in the two agreed statements of fact in the death of Saunders, who was killed on Feb. 13, 2014, in the Cowie Hill apartment she was subletting to Blake Leggette and Victoria Henneberry.

Leggette's writing from his jail cell last year were found in an empty toilet paper rolls meant for his cellmate, who he says had asked him in April to write down his experiences for a potential book.

In a March 3 entry, Leggette talks about what happened



Loretta Saunders FACEBOOK

on Feb. 13, when Saunders came to the apartment to collect \$430 in rent the couple owed her.

He says he was trying to figure out "if I really want to do what Victoria wishes I would," and when he asked Victoria if he should kill Saunders she replied: "You don't have the balls." Leggette says this angered him, so he began choking Saunders.

After the murder, Leggette placed Saunders' body in a hockey bag and carried it down to Saunders' car, he wrote, but saw Henneberry looking at him strangely, and she said she was worried he would do the same to her.

"I responded 'Trust me, I love you, you are the reason

I'm doing this, for our future,'" he wrote.

Video surveillance footage from the apartment lobby also shows Leggette leaving with a hockey bag around 2:30 p.m., passing a person waiting for an elevator.

A transcript of Henneberry's video statement to the police has her describing the murder and the couple's drive through New Brunswick, where they left Saunders' body.

In the statement, Henneberry says at one point that she wished she "could have saved her."



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## CHILD PROTECTION

## Changes would broaden safety

Nova Scotia is introducing legislation that would extend protection for abused and neglected youth up to the age of 19, if they request it.

Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard says the move is meant to address a gap, because currently, protections are only provided to children up to the age of 16, albeit in they are mandatory in those cases.



Joanne Bernard

Amendments to the Children and Family Services Act would also broaden the definition of abuse and neglect to include emotional abuse.

Bernard says the changes are aimed at offering better protection and support to vulnerable children and their families.

Department officials say the extension of protection to youth up to 19 years of age could see an additional 100 cases added to the child protection system.

Department statistics for 2014-15 show that 1,200 children came under supervision orders, while 460 were taken into temporary care and 114 required permanent care.

Bernard says the changes will not be passed until the fall, to allow for consultation.

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# Haligonians encouraged to discover, explore city

## COMMUNITY

## Annual Jane's Walk series this weekend

Lucie Edwardson  
For Metro | Halifax

Have you ever wondered what qualifies as street art and what is considered vandalism? Or why so many buildings on Dalhousie University's campus are made from concrete? Or perhaps you've questioned how the waterfront has evolved to the bustling cultural meeting place that it is now?

This Saturday and Sunday, you can learn the answers to all these questions about Halifax, and many more, by attending a series of citizen-led walks through the city as a part of the internationally renowned Jane's Walk series.

Jane's Walk is a street-level celebration of internationally renowned urban planning activist Jane's Jacobs' life and ideas.

Walks are led by anyone who has an interest in the neighbourhoods where they live, work or hang out and want to explore their culture, architecture or history. Lauren Isabelle, who will be leading the "Graffiti and Street Art" walk, said that her walk will explore the relationship between vandalism and creative expression.

"I want to give people the vocabulary to describe what they



Lauren Isabelle poses for a photo near some art on Gottingen Street on Thursday. Lauren will be hosting a graffiti and street art walk on Saturday as part of the Jane's Walk series. JEFF HARPER/METRO

are seeing in their streetscapes," said Isabelle. Her walk will visit public art, graffiti and murals on Gottingen Street, Agricola Street, Creighton Street and Quinpool Road.

Stephen Archibald, who has been leading walks for the last three years, will be leading the "Concrete Rules" walk this year. They will explore half a dozen buildings on the Dalhousie cam-

pus built in the 1970s using concrete. He said that Jane's Walks are the perfect way to familiarize yourself with your city and start a conversation with your community.

"It is important that people are more away of their surroundings, that they are comfortable and they enjoy what is around them and understand why it looks that way," said Archibald.

### + INCREASING UNDERSTANDING

Andy Fillmore, leader of the "Changing Role of the Halifax Waterfront in the New Urban Century" walk, said that the Jane's Walk series helps people to better understand and appreciate the place that

they live in.

"There are amazing walks happening all over the city this weekend," said Fillmore, "It is helping connect people to where they live and how it has evolved."

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# A helping hand in Nepal

## EARTHQUAKE

### Haligonians caught up in disaster opt to stay behind

**Lucie Edwardson**  
For Metro | Halifax

While many Canadians opted to flee Nepal following the violent 7.8-magnitude earthquake on April 25, six young people travelling from Halifax have decided to stay and help.

Among them are Halifax-based DJ duo, J.R. Loeb and Mitchell Pineo, who were in Kathmandu for a three-day tour when the earthquake struck.

After overcoming the initial shock, Loeb and Pineo, along with their friends Matthew Simmons, Kenny James, Sophia Hamilton-Clark and Matthew Walters, decided to stay and do as much as they can to help out the Nepalese people.

"We are just some healthy Canadians trying to lend a hand and make the best of a terrible situation for the Nepali people," said Loeb.

On Thursday morning, the group watched as a young Nepalese boy was pulled from the rubble six days after the quake ravaged the country.

"Miracles can happen," said Loeb.

The group has been staying



Haligonians Mitchell Pineo, left, and J.R. Loeb, right, with Bikrant Shrestha, remain in Nepal to help with relief efforts following the April 25 earthquake. FACEBOOK

with Bikrant Shrestha, who has been using his home and compound as a makeshift refugee and relief camp.

"Shrestha's compound fed and sheltered dozens of people in the immediate aftermath," said Pineo. "He is leading and organizing the relief effort by supplying the vehicles we are using to get the supplies out of the city, and he owns the building where we are storing all the supplies before they go out."

In the coming days, the group plans to leave Kathmandu and head to a town two hours outside the capital that has not yet



### By no means are we heroes.

Haligonian J.R. Loeb

been reached by aid workers.

"The real problems now are truly out of the city in the smaller villages that are difficult to reach," said Pineo.

"Kathmandu has so many aid workers from around the world now, but it is not all getting where it needs to go."

In the grand scheme of things, Loeb said, the work

they are doing is just a pebble in the sea.

"By no means are we heroes," he said. "It is the people who are digging people out of rubble or doing mountain rescues that are heroes."

James said that this situation has been eye-opening and that he has learned a lot from the people of Nepal.

"Their humbleness and generosity has been incredibly touching and essential to helping Nepal recover," he said.

"Nepalese citizens have set the global standard for humanity."



Kenny James with the Silwal family in Godavari, Nepal, following the earthquake. FACEBOOK

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To help the group continue with relief efforts, please send donations by PayPal to [bikrant@silence-festival.com](mailto:bikrant@silence-festival.com) or by e-transfer to [loeb productions@gmail.com](mailto:loeb productions@gmail.com)

## SEAFOOD

### Clearwater bleeds cash over weather

Clearwater Seafoods says its first-quarter net loss more than doubled to \$28.3 million from the same reporting period last year, as difficult weather conditions at sea and on land hampered operations.

The loss, equal to 57 cents per share, compared with a loss of \$12.1 million or 27 cents in the year-earlier period.

**57¢**

The first-quarter net loss is equal to 57 cents per share.

Sales were down slightly at \$75.4 million from \$77.7 million, due to reduced levels of supply available for sale.

However, Clearwater said it had a positive outlook for

fiscal 2015, with expectations that strong market conditions in all key regions would continue for the balance of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## SYDNEY

### Blood clinic closing over low demand

Changes to the operation of Canadian Blood Services will force the closure of the Sydney clinic.

A news release was issued from Canadian Blood Services headquarters in Ottawa late Thursday afternoon.

"This is a reflection of the changes we are seeing in the demand for blood across Canada. The overall demand has steadily declined over the past several years," said Michelle Thibodeau, a spokeswoman for Canadian Blood Services, in the release.

Ten part-time employees will be laid off as a result.

Two other clinics will be closed. The locations of those clinics weren't immediately announced.

Other changes to take effect across the country include replacing a permanent clinic with a mobile clinic, discontinuing mobile blood-donor clinics in 16 communities, adjusting clinic schedules across the country and ending the bloodmobile program. CAPE BRETON POST

## LOST AND FOUND

### Lose some money? Police may have it

Police are asking for the public's help in locating the owner of a sum of money that was found on a city street.

Police say that at about 3 p.m. Wednesday, a man walking in the area of Staples on Gottingen and Cunard streets found the cash on the ground.

The man picked up the money and turned it in to Halifax Regional Police headquarters, which is located nearby.

Police say they haven't been

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If you are the owner of the money or have information regarding who that could be, police would like you to call them at 902-490-5016.

able to locate the owner of the money and are reaching out to the public for help.

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Larry Haiven, left, from the Saint Mary's School of Business, and Jason Haslam, a professor from the Department of English at Dalhousie, stand at Province House on Monday with dozens of other protesters. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Legislation draws ire of students

### UNIVERSITIES

### Bill would lessen quality of education, union claims

Legislation aimed at making Nova Scotia's 10 universities more financially accountable drew fire Thursday from unions and student groups that say it restricts labour rights, and should be withdrawn and rewritten.

The bill tabled last week would suspend the right of unionized workers to go on strike at universities that are in financial trouble while in collective bargaining.

The legislation would instead allow schools to extend negotiations and ask for a 12- to 18-month process that would see an advisory committee help devise a restructuring plan.

Amendments proposed Thursday by the Liberal government wouldn't change those measures but would remove a provision restricting grievance procedures for restructuring universities.

Ray Larkin, a lawyer for the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, told the law amendments committee that replacing collective bargaining with a consultation process was a "dramatic change" that would benefit management.

"We get to speak but we don't have to be heard," said Larkin. "This change is unnecessary, it's unlikely to be effective and it's unfair to employees."

He said any problems that

arise from a potential financial restructuring of a university would simply be "bottled up" because they can't be negotiated.

Larkin recommended eliminating the section of the bill that restricts strikes and lockouts.

David Etherington of the Canadian Federation of Students called for the withdrawal of the bill because of a lack of student consultation and the "problematic attack on workers' rights."

Etherington said collective bargaining had played a determinant role in upholding basic standards of quality and freedom.

"Once removed, students will have no guarantees about the integrity and quality of the education they receive," he said.

Marc Lamoureux of the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union told the committee while legislation is needed to help schools in financial trouble, the current bill is excessive: "Parts of the bill are not only bad policy but are likely contrary to the Charter," said Lamoureux. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### + CHARTER

### Legislation on solid legal ground, says minister

Labour and Advanced Education Minister Kelly Regan said the government is confident the legislation is on solid legal ground. Regan said the threat of a strike or lockout needs to be removed in order to ensure an institution in the midst of a restructuring can survive.

### ENERGY

## Public wants greater transparency, stable long-term electricity rates, report says

A review of Nova Scotia's electricity system has found that the public supports long-term rate stabilization and implementing predictable electricity rates.

The findings are based on year-long consultations with more than 1,300 experts, stakeholders and members of the public.

The report tabled Thursday in the legislature says Nova Scotians would like to see an increase in the consumer's ability to manage electricity costs, as well as stronger performance standards for Nova Scotia Power.

It also concludes that residents would like more accountability and transparen-

cy in setting electricity rates, and they want the government to support renewable energy resources.

Energy Minister Michel Samson says the results will inform the government's plan for the electricity system, which is currently underway.

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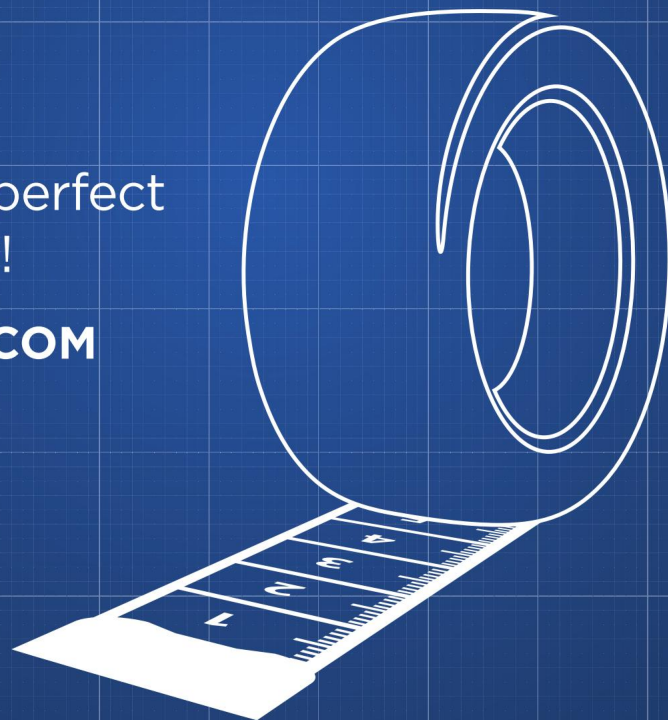
The findings in the report on the province's electricity system arrived after a year of consultations with over 1,300 experts, stakeholders and members of the public.

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# Ferry service changing course

NOVA STAR

## Province opts for alternative procurement strategy

The Nova Scotia government has scrapped plans to issue a request for proposals for the ferry run to Maine, opting instead to use a different process that it says will expedite finding an operator for next year's sailing season.

But the Opposition says the government's decision to go through an alternative procurement is an attempt to avoid public scrutiny.

Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan said Thursday that while there is a commitment to Nova Star Cruises for this year's sailing season, the government favours alternate procurement because it is quicker and provides greater flexibility, should a replacement operator be needed for 2016.

MacLellan said alternate procurement allows the government to go directly to ferry



The Nova Star ferry is shown in this file photo. THE CANADIAN PRESS

operators and ask them how they would deliver the service, a process he said is a good fit given past experiences with requests for proposals for the ferry run between Yarmouth and Portland, Maine.

"We've tried that process before and it certainly was a limited success," he said.

MacLellan said the alternate

### 80,000

Nova Star Cruises has set a goal of 80,000 passengers for this year.

procurement would begin immediately because the govern-

ment is committed to having a ferry service in place in 2016.

In February, the Liberal government said it was planning to issue a request for proposals for next year, regardless of the outcome of this year's sailing season.

The province spent \$28.5 million to subsidize the inaugural season last year, which included

a \$21 million loan that was supposed to last seven years.

The loan was spent in the first two months of operation.

MacLellan also said Thursday that the government has given Nova Star \$6.1 million of the \$13 million allotted for the upcoming sailing season, which begins June 1.

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## + BACKGROUND

Opposition Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie said the move to switch procurement methods shows the government hasn't learned from past concerns about the lack of transparency over public funding for the ferry service.

"I think it's time the Liberals acted in a more open and transparent manner about what it is they have planned for the long-term service of the Yarmouth ferry," said Baillie.

The government has promised more oversight for the service and now requires monthly reporting of passenger numbers and full access to the ferry's books. Funding is being provided to Nova Star each month and only after the company submits its expenses for review.

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**100 YEARS WAR POEM'S MESSAGE ENDURES** Fairview Junior High students Skype with students in Belgium on Thursday, as they take turns reciting the poem *In Flanders Fields*. The poem was written 100 years ago Sunday, by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, after the Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium, where he was part of the medical unit. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Drive-in still pulls crowds

## THEATRE

### Some patrons come to shows every weekend

There's something about watching a movie under the stars that keeps crowds coming back to Cambridge's Valley Drive-In year after year.

"It's getting bigger as time goes on. You would think we would eventually flatten out or something," said Kirk Longmire, co-chairman of the Coldbrook and District Lions Club's drive-in committee.

For many, the drive-in becomes a beloved part of their routine in the warmer weather.



**It's getting bigger as time goes on.**

Kirk Longmire, Lions Club drive-in committee

"We see a lot of familiar faces. We have people that have their favourite spots," said Longmire.

"There's literally people that are here every Friday or Saturday night."

The club is getting the drive-in ready for opening weekend, May 8-10. Gates will open at 7 p.m., with the screen lighting up at dusk.

They'll start the season off with a double feature, starting with *Fast and Furious 7* and followed by *Unfriended*.

"Car race movies on the big screen are huge. People just love that," said Longmire.

The drive-in was first opened in Cambridge in the early 1950s. It was a private business then, and a hotspot for entertainment.

"Back in the day, it was quite the going concern. They actually had swimming pools here. It was a big event. They had a merry-go-round underneath the screen."

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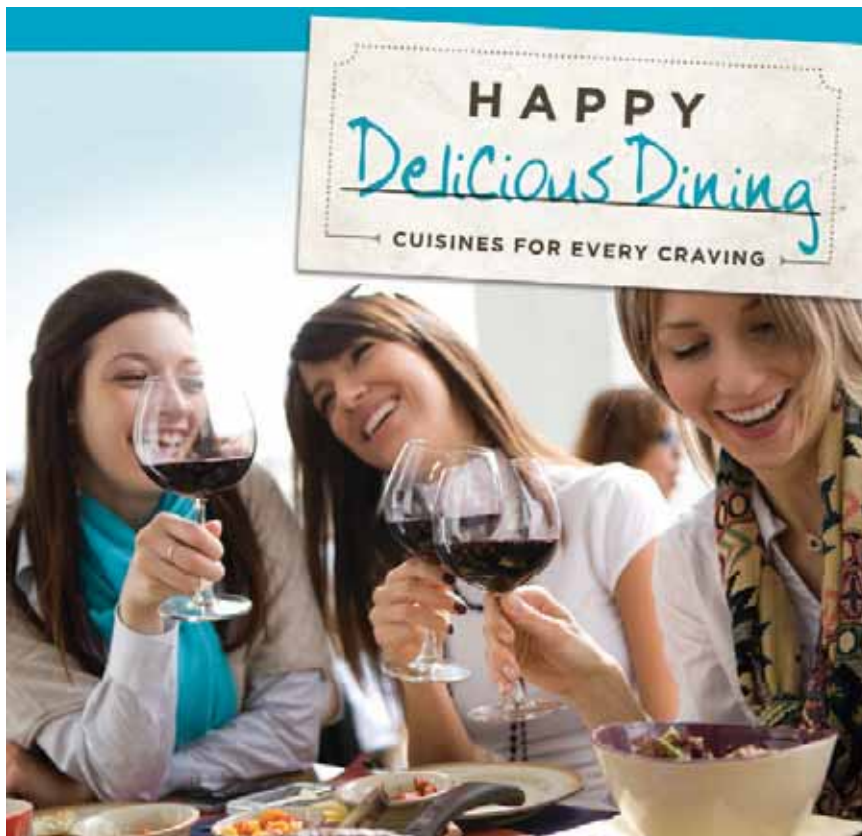
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Tarps cover a fire pit and picnic table in the woods behind the Atlantic Superstore in North Sydney. The campsite where Shawn Kurtis Jack made his home last year. CAPE BRETON POST

# Homeless man's attacker sentenced

## CRIME

### North Sydney assailant given 11-year federal prison term

In sentencing a 26-year-old North Sydney man Thursday to 11 years in a federal prison, provincial court Judge Peter Ross tried, in vain, to discover some understanding for such a brutal and unprovoked attack on a homeless Shawn Kurtis Jack.

"After reading the pre-sentence report, I am left with no real understanding why he did what he did to Mr. Jack," Ross said in accepting a joint sentencing recommendation for Kyle William Nichol on charges of aggravated assault and wearing a disguise in committing an offence (a bandana).

"One cannot really discern

what Mr. Nichol got out of this. Maybe some sort of sick gratification, a sense of power," said Ross.

Jack, 48, continues to piece some semblance of his life back together again in having to relearn how to walk, talk, feed himself and all the other day-to-day functions he normally would take for granted.

"This was a man used to living outdoors but who is now confined indoors," Ross said, noting the confinement is both physical and mental.

Nichol was one of six people charged in connection with the attack during which Jack was lured out of his homemade shelter by four people pretending to be police.

Once he poked his head out, Jack was repeatedly beaten over the head with a torque wrench and machinist hammer. Nichol used the hammer and the head was found at the scene after it



**I am sorry for what I done.**

Kyle William Nichol told the court

snapped off the handle, which was never recovered.

He was beaten with such force that his skull was shattered, with parts becoming embedded in his brain. He continues to undergo surgery to help ease his pain and heal his injuries.

Prosecutor Glen Gouthro offered some indication of a possible motive, explaining Nichol wanted revenge against Jack for an alleged comment he made in hearing that Nichol reportedly pinned down a woman while his girlfriend beat her.

Jack is alleged to have said he didn't agree with such a thing. CAPE BRETON POST

## IN BRIEF

### Woman hit in crosswalk

A woman was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after she was struck at a marked crosswalk at the corner of Robie Street and Coburg Road on Thursday afternoon.

Halifax police responded to a call that a 23-year-old woman had been hit by an SUV heading south on Robie St. that failed to stop at the red light around 4 p.m. The accident is still under investigation, but police say a 71-year-old man is expected to face charges. METRO

## SACKVILLE

# Man charged in stabbing of student

A 20-year-old Lawrencetown man is facing charges after a teen was found with stab wounds behind a Sackville high school on Wednesday.

The RCMP in Halifax say a call came in from Millwood High School at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday with the 18-year-old victim found in the rear parking lot.

Police say a staff member found the student, who suffered stab wounds that aren't considered life-threatening.

## THE SUSPECT

Nicholas MacDonald, 20, of Lawrencetown is facing charges of aggravated assault and possession of a weapon dangerous to the public. METRO

According to a release, a suspect was arrested and taken into custody a short time later in Middle Sackville. METRO



## POLITICS

## Tories face backlash over expensive ads

Happy-looking families, soccer-playing children and friendly neighbours are a staple of prime-time television these days as the Conservative government churns out post-budget advertising spots with the use of millions of dollars in taxpayers' money.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says it's needed to make the public aware of Ottawa's programs. But the government ad blitzes, which have cost an estimated \$750 million since Harper took power, are fuelling a fierce pushback from those who see the messaging as too pro-Conservative.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) says the ads are torqued for partisan gain, are a waste of precious financial resources and an affront to democratic fairness.

"It seems to me that everyone agrees the amount that's being spent now is too much," said CTF federal director Aaron Wudrick.

The Conservatives have often been criticized for the 2013 Canada Job Grant ads, which ran long before the program was put in place.

Democracy Watch, the Ot-

tawa-based citizens' reform group, has launched a letter-writing campaign calling on federal auditor general Michael Ferguson to investigate what it calls "dishonest, wasteful ads."

Federal opposition parties have also stepped up their complaints about the television, radio, billboard and online ads in the wake of the Harper government's pre-election budget.

Criticizing the measures in the April 21 budget, the NDP's finance critic Nathan Cullen told MPs, "Canadians will be paying for the Conservative handouts to the wealthy for generations to come. Adding insult to injury, the Conservatives will actually spend \$13.5 million of our money for ads on their bad ideas."

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau recently said, "Canadians watching the hockey playoffs are being bombarded with millions of dollars of wasteful, partisan government ads for which they are paying." He said the money should be going to programs to help young businesspeople or create student summer jobs.

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# Military's problem of sexualized culture

## WOMEN'S RIGHTS

## Judge's report highlights misogynistic behaviour

Being called an ice princess, or a slut, or told that they only joined the army to find a man: Those are just some modest examples of the misogynistic, highly sexualized culture that pervades the Canadian military and confronts its female members every day, a long-awaited sexual misconduct review said Thursday.

Eradicating that culture will take time and a concerted effort from military leadership, former Supreme Court justice Marie Deschamps said in her report — a conclusion agreed to by top Forces brass.

They part ways, however, on the question of whether the problem can be resolved within the military itself or whether it demands outside help.

Deschamps' study, made public Thursday, documented a sexualized culture that new soldiers encounter the minute they join — one so pervasive they eventually become desensitized to it.

The result is an environment where women are afraid to report allegations of sexual harassment or assault because they fear career repercussions or not being believed by their chain of command, the report found.

Deschamps said she was able



Corporal Ashley Turner goes through M72 light anti-tank weapon drills at the Kabul Military Training Centre range in Kabul, Afghanistan on Nov. 4, 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

to document the extent of the problem — far worse than the military had ever previously been willing to acknowledge — mainly because she's not a soldier.

"The members at present do not have the sufficient confidence to report the incidents, and one of the reasons they came to me is that they were confident they were speaking in total anonymity, they were confident they could speak to me," she said.

One of Deschamps' key recommendations is to take the existing complaint and support process outside the mil-

itary bureaucracy and create an independent agency, similar to those in the U.S. and Australia.

Gen. Tom Lawson, chief of the defence staff, called the idea "unique," and "interesting" but one requiring further study. He refused to commit to establishing such an agency.

In the end, the military only outright accepted two of the report's 10 recommendations — that they acknowledge there is a problem and that a broad culture shift is required to fix it.

The remainder, which stemmed from the creation of the independent centre as the place to further overhaul

## + REPORT

The report — which Gen. Tom Lawson called disturbing — involved more than 700 interviews.

It detailed rape jokes, innuendo and crude, casual references to female genitalia as some of the incidents faced by soldiers. It also provided an insight into the perpetrators.

"For example, a commonly held attitude is that, rather than be a soldier, a sailor or an aviator, a woman will be labelled an 'ice princess,' a 'bitch' or a 'slut,'" the report said.

Maj-Gen. Christine Whitecross, who is leading the team organized by the military to respond to the report, recalled that when she joined the military, she too encountered such attitudes.

Things have improved over time, but there is a long way to go, she said, echoing her colleagues' description of their work as a "no-fail mission."

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existing policies and systems, were accepted only on principle.

The Forces said they are conducting several reviews to determine best practices and are promising public updates on their progress by fall.

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## + COST OF AD BLITZES

### \$52.3 million

The 2009 budget, the Economic Action Plan, was promoted heavily in 2009-10.

### \$2.5 million

In 2013, the Harper government rolled out a campaign to promote the Canada Job Grant, a program for employment training that did not then exist.

### \$24 million

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The Tories plan to spend \$13.5 million to promote their pre-election budget delivered on April 21.



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## Mountie cleared

A second Mountie has been acquitted of perjury stemming from a public inquiry into Robert Dziekanski's death at Vancouver's airport.

Const. Gerry Rundel was charged for lying during his testimony at the inquiry related to the Polish immigrant's death in October 2007.

Const. Bill Bentley was acquitted of the perjury charge in 2013, though the Crown is appealing the verdict.

Former corporal Benjamin (Monty) Robinson was convicted last month of the same charge while Const. Kwesi Millington was convicted in February and is awaiting a sentencing hearing.

The four officers were summoned to the airport when Dziekanski started throwing furniture in the international terminal, and one of them stunned him repeatedly with a Taser.

The Crown alleged the officers colluded on a story to tell homicide investigators and then lied at the inquiry to explain why their initial accounts contradicted an amateur video.

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# Safe injection sites one step closer in Montreal

## HARM REDUCTION

### Following provincial okay, feds must approve

The Quebec government has given the green light to a project introducing facilities in the Montreal area where drug users can legally and safely inject themselves, but it's still far from becoming a reality.

Final approval for safe-in-

jection sites rests with the federal government, which has strongly criticized offering drug users legal spaces to consume illegal substances.

In order to operate a safe-injection site, the federal government must grant an exemption under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

In 2011, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Ottawa's refusal to renew the exemption for Vancouver's injection site — the only one of its kind in Canada — was unconsti-



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tutional because it deprived people access to potentially life-saving medical care.

In response, the Conservative government tabled strict new legislation on safe-injection sites giving the federal health minister discretion to approve an application only under "exceptional circumstances" and only after applicants fulfil a long list of

onerous obligations.

The bill is currently being debated in the Senate.

Health Canada said in a statement that it doesn't publicly comment on applications for such exemptions and there is no timetable for a decision on permits for four Montreal sites — three located in community organizations and a fourth that will

be mobile.

Canada's only legal, operating, safe-injection site — called Insite — has been operating in Vancouver since 2003.

Lucie Charlebois, Quebec's junior public health minister, said safe-injection sites reduce the risk of drug overdoses and offer other social and health benefits.

Catherine Maurice, spokeswoman for Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre, said the safe-injection file "is a priority for the mayor." THE CANADIAN PRESS



**FUNERAL FORMER SENATE SPEAKER REMEMBERED** Family members of Pierre Claude Nolin, the late speaker of the Senate, look on as his casket is taken from the church following his funeral in Montreal, Thursday, April 30, 2015. Nolin was remembered at his funeral on Thursday as a tolerant and brave man as well as a deeply admired politician who eschewed partisanship. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Killer dad wants out

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# Two saved from wreckage five days after earthquake

## NEPAL

## Rescue brings unexpected joy to city reeling from disaster

The 15-year-old boy had been buried alive under the rubble of Nepal's quake-stricken capital for five days, listening to bulldozers clearing mountains of debris, fearful the incessant aftershocks might finally collapse the darkened crevice where he was trapped.

And then, "all of a sudden I saw light," Pemba Tamang said, recounting the moment he was pulled from a hole at the bottom of what was once a seven-story building in Kathmandu.

Tamang did not know whether he was alive or dead. "I thought I was hallucinating," he said.

The improbable rescue was an uplifting moment in Nepal, which has been overwhelmed by death and destruction since a 7.8-magnitude earthquake hit Saturday.

By late Thursday, the government said the toll from the tremor, the most powerful recorded there since 1934, had risen to 6,130 dead and 13,827 injured.

After night fell, police reported another dramatic rescue: a woman in her 20s, Krishna Devi Khadka, was pulled from a building in the same neighbourhood as Tamang near Kathmandu's main bus terminal, according to an officer who spoke on condition of anonymity.

When Tamang was finally extricated, rescue workers inserted an IV in his arm,



**Pemba Tamang is carried on a stretcher after being rescued by Nepalese policemen and U.S. rescue workers from a building that collapsed five days ago in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Thursday.** NIRANJAN SHRESTA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

propped him onto a yellow plastic stretcher — the same kind that has helped convey countless dead — and carried him through the ruins on their shoulders as if he was a newly crowned king.

Lines of police stood on both sides, keeping back mobs of bystanders and journalists. A dazed Tamang, wearing a dark shirt with the New York Yankees logo, blinked at the bright sky.

When the procession turned a corner and entered the main road outside, there was a sound Kathmandu hadn't heard in days: the jubilant cheers of



**It gives us hope. We thought they were only bringing out the dead. It's hard to believe people are still alive.**

Hans Raj Joshi, who watched Tamang's rescue

thousands of ecstatic onlookers.

Nepal, however, is far from normal. More than 70 aftershocks have been recorded in the Himalayan region by Indian scientists in the past five days, according to J.L. Gautam, the director of seismology at the Indian Meteorological Department in New Delhi.

Shortages of food and water

and worry over the fate of relatives have triggered an exodus from the capital, prompting thousands to board buses provided by the government to their rural hometowns.

"I have to get home. It has already been so many days," said Shanti Kumari, who was desperate to see family in her home village in eastern Nepal.

"I want to get at least a night of peace."

Although small shops have begun reopening and the once-ubiquitous tent cities have begun thinning out, an air of desperation remains.

"We're still feeling aftershocks. It still doesn't feel safe," said Prabhu Dutta, a 27-year-old banker from Kathmandu.

Some residents have begun returning to work, including at Dutta's bank, but he said it was impossible to concentrate.

"We roam around the office. We only have one topic of conversation: the earthquake."

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## PAKISTAN

## Men get life for Malala attack

A Pakistani court on Thursday sentenced 10 militants to life in prison for their involvement in the 2012 attack on teenage activist Malala Yousafzai, a public prosecutor said.

Sayed Naeem said the court announced the ruling at an undisclosed location because of security concerns.

"Each militant got 25 years in jail. It is life in prison for the 10 militants who were tried by an anti-terrorist court," he said.

In Pakistan, 25 years is considered a life sentence.

Malala was shot in the head by the Pakistani Taliban when she was returning from school. The militants targeted her because she advocated education for women. Malala was initially treated in Pakistan but was later flown to a hospital in Britain, where she now lives with her family.

Malala, now 17, won world acclaim for her campaign and last year was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mullah Fazlullah, the Taliban leader who ordered the attack, is still at large, as are other militants who took part. The 10 who were sentenced on Thursday were detained by the military last year.

Also Thursday, the military said that 27 militants and five soldiers were killed in a gun battle in the country's volatile northwestern Khyber tribal region. The statement said the military was making strong gains in Khyber, a known militant stronghold.

Last June, Pakistan launched a major offensive in the North Waziristan tribal region, a long-time haven for the Taliban.

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## BALTIMORE

## Chief prosecutor considers charges

Police completed their investigation into the death of Freddie Gray a day earlier than planned Thursday and delivered it to the chief prosecutor in Baltimore, who pleaded for patience and peace while she decides whether to bring charges.

The deputy commissioner also revealed a new detail that raises still more questions about what the officers involved have told investigators: the van carrying Gray to the police station made a previously undisclosed stop

that was captured on a "privately owned camera."

State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby must review the evidence, consider charges and decide how to move forward in the death of Gray, who suffered severe spinal injuries at some point after he tried to run from police on April 12 and died a week later.

Police Commissioner Anthony Batts provided no details about the report, which he said represents the work of more than 30 investigators. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### More women, children rescued from extremists

More women and children have been rescued from Islamic extremists in the remote Sambisa Forest by Nigerian troops.

The Nigerian military first reported rescuing almost 300 women and children on Tuesday after deploying ground troops more than a week ago. Army spokesman Col. Sani Usman said Thursday more than 100 girls and 50 women were rescued, apart from the first reported group. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## AUSTRALIA

## Opposition reaffirms death penalty stance

Australia's political opposition accused the government of winking back the country's rejection of the death penalty during a heated debate Thursday following Indonesia's execution of two Australian drug traffickers.

The execution by firing squad of eight drug convicts, including the two Australians, has rekindled fiery criticism of the role Australian police played in 2005 in tipping off their Indonesian counterparts about a plot led by the two men to smuggle more than eight kilograms of heroin from Bali to Sydney.

The two men, Myuran Sukumaran, 33, and Andrew Chan, 34, were executed Wednesday.

Other members of the so-called Bali Nine ring they masterminded received lengthy prison sentences.

Australia retaliated by withdrawing its ambassador from Jakarta, but ruled out downgrading its co-operation with Indonesian police, which it regards as a crucial defence against global terrorism.

Critics argue that Australia weakened its anti-capital punishment credentials when it failed to criticize Indonesia in 2008 for executing three Indonesian terrorists responsible for bombings on Bali in 2002 that killed 202 people, including 88 Australians.

The opposition Labour Party on Thursday accused the government of playing down Australia's opposition to the death penalty in its latest directive to the Australian Federal Police on how it should co-operate with other

police forces including Indonesia.

Labour questioned why Justice Minister Michael Keenan had removed from his latest directive a requirement that police "take account of the government's long-standing opposition to the application of the death penalty in performing its international liaison functions."

The directive, issued last May, outlines the government's priorities and expectations for police.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten said the directive undermined protocols aimed at preventing Australian police co-operation from leading to the execution of Australians.

He told reporters that Labour wants to make sure that such executions "can't happen again."



**I'm pretty outraged and offended.**

Australian Justice Minister  
Michael Keenan

"I'm pretty outraged and offended that the Labour Party would use the tragedy of two Australians be-

ing executed to make what is an incredibly cheap and invalid point," Keenan said.

Amnesty International said in a statement Thursday that "Australia and its agencies must take a consistent and principled stance against the death penalty in all circumstances, no matter who the person is and what they are charged with."

Anti-death penalty advocate Matthew Goldberg said Australian opposition to the death penalty had "hardened" since 2008 when Indonesia executed Bali bombers Imam Samudra, Amrozi Nurhasyim and Huda bin Abdul Haq. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Argentinian families looking for closure

## VATICAN

## Public hopes Pope will order unsealing of 1976-83 files

Family members of people forcibly "disappeared" during Argentina's 1976-83 military dictatorship are hoping Pope Francis will order the opening of files from the era.

Graciela Palacio de Lois, a

member of the group Families of the Disappeared and Held for Political Reasons, said Thursday that the Argentine-born pope showed signs of wanting to release the files during the meeting.

The files contain complaints to the papal nuncio in Argentina and the episcopate by families of those disappeared during the military crackdown, including Palacio de Lois' letter denouncing the 1976 disappearance of her husband.

"The Vatican would just send us a brief reply saying they had



**The Vatican would just send us a brief reply saying they had received it.**

Graciela Palacio de Lois, regarding her Vatican letters.

received it," Palacio de Lois said.

But she said that when the head of her group, Angela "Lita" Boitano, personally asked the pope to have the files released,

he responded: "We're on it."

"The pope also said they're working on that and they're preparing a document," Palacio de Lois said. She said the information was later confirmed by Monsignor Giuseppe Laterza, of the Vatican secretariat of state.

Official estimates say 13,000 people were killed or disappeared in a government-sponsored crackdown on leftist dissidents during Argentina's "Dirty War." Human rights activists believe the real number was as high as 30,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**VIETNAM CELEBRATING 40 YEARS SINCE 'THE FALL OF SAIGON'** A float depicting a tank that crashed through the gate of the presidential palace marking "the fall of Saigon," takes part on Thursday in a parade in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. DITA ALANGKARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## IN BRIEF

## Boy, 11, detained at Lego store in Calgary

An 11-year-old boy's father says his son was detained for shopping by himself at Calgary's Lego store.

Doug Dunlop says his boy Tadhg went to the store Sunday to spend his own money, as he has done dozens of times before. Dunlop says the guard and the store's manager told him children under 12 are not allowed in the store without an adult because of safety concerns. Officials with Lego and Chinook Centre mall were not available for comment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Court to decide if woman can sue energy firm

The Supreme Court of Canada will decide whether an Alberta woman can sue the province's energy regulator over her claim that hydraulic fracturing has so badly contaminated her well that the water can be set on fire.

She alleges that fracking on her land northeast of Calgary released hazardous amounts of chemicals such as methane into her well.

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**EMPLOYMENT GM PLANS TO CUT 1,000 JOBS FROM OSHAWA PLANT** A sign outside Oshawa's General Motors car assembly plant is shown in Oshawa, Ont. General Motors says it will cut about 1,000 positions from its Oshawa, Ont., manufacturing operations this year as the company plans to spend billions of dollars to boost its U.S. operations. By December, GM Canada's main assembly operation is expected to have 2,600 hourly employees — down from 3,600. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# New Canadians less of a credit risk: Study

## BANKS

## National rates for delinquency 20% lower in immigrants

New Canadians are a better credit risk than the general population, even though banks still tend to view immigrant investors more cautiously due to a

lack of financial background information, says a new Equifax Canada study.

"There is a common misconception that providing credit to new immigrants is a risky move for financial institutions, but the fact is that immigrants have a 20 per cent lower delinquency than the national average of the general population," explains Regina Malina, senior director of decision insights at Equifax Canada.

In her latest report, she says lenders often approach new Canadians with caution, and wind up presenting these customers with a limited product selection for credit due to a lack of insight into their credit history and risk score.

As a result, limited credit options tend to push customers to seek credit with another institution because the initial options available to them may not meet their changing needs.

Between 2006 and 2011, approximately 1.2 million people immigrated to Canada, primarily from China and India, and one of the first things newcomers do is apply for credit to secure housing, car loans and phones, she said.

The study is based on a sample of approximately 114,000 new immigrants identified within the Equifax database, who immigrated to Canada between 2010 and 2011. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## CHINA

## Building firm says no one is faster

A Chinese construction company is claiming to be the world's fastest builder after erecting a 57-storey skyscraper in 19 working days in central China.

The Broad Sustainable Building Co. put up the rectangular, glass-and-steel Mini Sky City in the Hunan provincial capital of Changsha using a modular method, assembling three floors per day, company vice-president Xiao Changgeng said.

The company, which has ambitions to assemble the world's tallest skyscraper at 220 floors in only three months, worked on Mini Sky City in two spurts separated by winter weather. Its time-lapse video of the rapid assembly has become popular on Chinese video-sharing sites since it was first uploaded on YouTube.

Such modular approaches have been used for highrise apartment blocks elsewhere, including in Britain and the U.S. Some critics say the method could lead to cityscapes with overly uniform architecture.

The company is awaiting approval for its 220-floor Sky City in Changsha. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A puddle reflects the Mini Sky City building in Changsha.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### "A searing portrait of harassment, abuse and rape"

We now know — beyond doubt — that military life is soaked in sexual harassment.

A report released Thursday details in 100-odd pages a sick "sexualized culture" in the Canadian Armed Forces. It's a searing portrait of harassment, abuse, rape and the silencing of victims.

But no perpetrators are held accountable in this report. It's focused on "policies, procedures and programs" around sexual misconduct and condemns all three.

Author and former judge Marie Deschamps wasn't asked by military brass to investigate assaults. They think they're already doing a good job with that. The report says they're wrong, and I can't understand why her recommendations don't call for a full investigation into cases that have been, as her report details, swept under the rug by a farcical complaints-resolution policy that treats sex crimes as misunderstandings.

Without that, military leaders, and criminals, can hide behind "the culture" — with no accountability in the ranks.

Culture is a wispy, hard-to-pin-down fog that lays blame on everyone and no one.

Gen. Tom Lawson, chief of the defence staff, and Maj.-Gen. Chris Whitecross — the woman tasked with implementing change — both admitted during a press conference to witnessing a sexualized work environment, something Lawson said "be-

came uncomfortable" when women joined the ranks.

Deschamps documents "sexual jokes, innuendos, discriminatory comments ... and unwelcome sexual touching," which are conducive to "sexual harassment and assault."

One man told Deschamps, "girls that come to the Army know what to expect."

Military women (and LGBTQ) must conform to this environment, because filing complaints would risk their careers, the report says. Most choose the jobs they love over justice. They can't have both.

Lawson did promise change. "I will not accept anything less" than exemplary conduct, he said.

But from the gist of the report, he'd have a pretty barren barracks if every officer who didn't live up to his "exemplary" standards was expelled.

Maybe a truth and reconciliation program is needed, where senior officers and others admit to and apologize for their own behaviour without fear of reprisal.

Phillip Millar, a former officer and now a lawyer who represents military sexual assault victims, said such a program could mean a meaningful change in tone from on high. Otherwise, no one is going to admit to anything, he told me.

"Influential people, respected and good people, have allowed or engaged in it," he said. Given that, we shouldn't be surprised that "culture," not people, will be blamed.

## Happy face/Sad face

From the **drought diet** to **lunchbox letdown**, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week



### Bright lights banned on behalf of birds

New Yorkers are saying "lights out" to bright outdoor lights on government buildings between 11 p.m. and dawn during the spring and fall to help migrating birds find their way. Scientists believe birds use the stars to navigate, but they can be disorientated by electric lights, causing fatal run-ins with glass windows — the direct cause of a billion bird deaths per year.

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### Is it time to say adios to avocados?

The drought in California is taking a toll on crops like almonds and broccoli, but hardest hit may be avocados. Farmers pay premium prices for increasingly rare water, and avocados are thirsty — a pound needs 72 gallons to grow, compared to nine for tomatoes. If the drought continues, avocado prices will skyrocket — if they're available at all. If you love guacamole, maybe now's the time to binge. GRUBSTREET.COM



### What your brain looks like on flakka

A spate of bizarre incidents in Florida have been blamed on Flakka, a synthetic drug similar to bath salts. One user ran around naked yelling he was Thor; another impaled himself on a fence. The drug, also called gravel, is cheap at \$5 per vial, causes delusions and is dangerous: the people who spontaneously strip do so because the drug causes a spike in body temperature to a life-threatening 41 C.



### That's the way the cookies don't crumble

A four-year-old girl in Denver came home from school disappointed, with untouched Oreos and a note from her teacher. The preschooler told her mom that she wasn't allowed to eat the cookies in her lunchbox because they weren't healthy enough. The note told her parents to pack a nutritious lunch that includes a fruit, vegetable and a healthy snack.

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# Selfie sticks — please leave home without one

## THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



Organizers of Grand Slam tennis tournament, Wimbledon, announced this week that they will be banning selfie sticks from this year's event and I say, "Point Wimbledon!"

If you don't know, selfie sticks — sometimes referred to as "The Wand of Narcissus" or "narcissisticks" — are long poles to the end of which one attaches their smartphone, allowing for better, wider selfies.

The first time I saw a selfie stick in a store I thought it was a gag gift, akin to those wine glasses that hold an entire bottle of wine or fake doggy-doo.

When I realized it wasn't a joke, I wondered who could be SO dedicated to taking pictures of themselves that they

needed a tripod — or uni-pod — to do it?

It's like investing in equipment for a company named SelfLove Incorporated.

I'm not saying I've never taken a selfie. Like smoking, it's the kind of thing most people have tried at least once — and those who haven't are probably boring and self-righteous like the people who brag about not being on Facebook.

And selfies can be really handy. Like when you're buying new glasses and you want a friend's opinion, or when you have a weird rash and need your mother's advice (it was eczema).

But on a recent trip to Mexico, I realized how out of hand the selfie and selfie-stick situation was. My boyfriend and I paid \$150 each for a tour to the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza. When we got off the tour bus, I saw a flurry of selfie

sticks extending around me like a crowd of unfurling umbrellas reacting to a sudden rainstorm.

### When did a picture of yourself in a place become more important than the place?

The earnest and well-informed tour guide proceeded to show us around the grounds but upon each stop, half the group would walk away and proceeded to take selfies in front of the various dilapidated monuments.

It seemed so utterly wrong. "Here I am at Chichen Itza! A place I know nothing about because instead of learning, I choose to bask in self-admiration!"

It's like they'd paid \$150 to

be doing the exact same thing they do at home — stare at images of themselves. Except here they were able to spend more money doing it in a hot and dusty place.

It was distracting and super disrespectful, both to the tour guide and, frankly, to the late Mayans. But the most irritating part is that on Facebook, all these people will look less like the arseholes they are, and more like worldly, interested travellers.

When did a picture of yourself at the place become more important than the place? And if that's all you want, then go visit a green screen and have at 'er.

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# Superheroes need a reality check

## ANALYSIS

## Real-world problems could provide poignant plot points for flicks

### IN FOCUS

**Richard Crouse**



It's not a spoiler to let you know the Avengers save the world in *Age of Ultron*. The spectacular six have rescued the planet before and, no doubt, will save it again in the future. In superhero movies the globe is always on the eve of destruction.

The original movie, 2012's *The Avengers*, saw the team protect the planet from Thor's evil brother Loki while in *Superman II*, the Man of Steel battles three Kryptonian criminals set to obliterate our orb. A

baddie named M tries to wage world war in *The League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen* and recently the *Fantastic Four* prevented a giant cosmic entity called Galactus from gobbling up the earth.

"I see a suit of armour around the world," says Tony Stark in *Age of Ultron*. "Peace in our time, imagine that."

The movies get bigger every time out and with 30 more superhero flicks scheduled for the next five years — including *Deadpool*, *Doctor Strange* and *Gambit* — the mind reels at the ways villains might endanger our world. It sounds entertaining but haven't we've already been there? Where do you go from the threat of total annihilation?

Diminishing returns in terms of audience reaction, that's where.

We all know *The Avengers* will pull out all the stops to save Earth. Buildings will crumble, trucks will go airborne and giant cracks will appear where city streets used to



What if the moviemakers pitted superheroes against the Canadian Senate or other things that trouble us in our day-to-day lives? CONTRIBUTED

be, but by the end credits you know everyone will emerge relatively unscathed, with the bad people vanquished and the good guys grinning from ear to ear.

Viewers are left with CGI fatigue, but damn it, a catastrophe was averted. Again. But we've been there, done that. Why not freshen things up and turn back the hands of the doomsday clock a few minutes to create tension in the form of different kinds of situations?

It sounds counterintuitive — bigger is always better, right? — but imagine Captain America going mano a mano with Kim Jong-un or Iron Man shrinking down to

the size of a microbe to battle cancer from the inside à la *Fantastic Voyage*.

The real world is a very complicated place. Every day the news delivers more bad information than all the tragedies of Aeschylus and Sophocles combined.

Stories of beheadings, terrorism and all manner of terrible behaviour flood the airwaves aching to be corrected by some sort of superhero.

How great would it be to see warrior princess of the Amazons Wonder Woman unleash the Lasso of Truth on the Canadian Senate or weather maven Storm get all medieval on climate change?

An injection of real-world

## MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**Avengers: Age of Ultron** ★★  
**Far From The Madding Crowd** ★★★  
**Ride** ★★★  
**Preggoland** ★★  
**Can't Stand Losing You: Surviving The Police** ★★

**HOW RATING WORKS**  
 ★★★★★ SEE IT  
 ★★★ WORTHWHILE  
 ★★ UP TO YOU  
 ★ SKIP IT

issues might not make for big box office, but it certainly would infuse the movies with a sense of unpredictability — just like real life events. Real life is messy and volatile and that's what keeps it interesting.

I understand one of the reasons we go to movies like *The Avengers: Age of Ultron* is to see things we'll never witness

in real life, but it's hard not to agree with Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner) when he says:

"We're fighting an army of robots and I have a bow and arrow — it makes no sense!"

These movies try to dazzle our eyes — and they do! — but bringing them down to earth, literally, might help us engage our brains as well.



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# Period piece heroine not defined by the era

## ADAPTATIONS

### Carey Mulligan drawn to her character's strength

**Matt Prigge**  
Metro | New York

Carey Mulligan says she wasn't really looking to do another period drama when *Far from the Madding Crowd* came along.

She's always done them, however, the role of Bathsheba Everdene — a headstrong, independent woman juggling three suitors to whom she's either indifferent or weirdly into — was too good to turn down.

The actress talks about how this Thomas Hardy adaptation was different and whether she'd ever do something bigger and splashier.

**The uniqueness of Bathsheba Everdene:** What I was so excited about was that it's a story that started with a woman who turned down a proposal of marriage. And a good one.

It's a young woman in one of the Victorian classics that doesn't start her story looking to be married and isn't looking to be defined by a man. It really hasn't crossed her mind that she would be married.

That was so exciting. That was obviously not the viewpoint of most women of the time. And throughout the story she enjoys bucking social conventions. She's incredibly complicated and stubborn and fallible and spontaneous and impetuous — all these things mixed together.

**On the other actors:** When you get to work with actors like this, there's a certain security — especially when you make an idiot of yourself in the first week, which is what I did.

**On director Thomas Vinterberg:** We had so many extensive, long conversations, going around and around on things. And Thomas said things over and over and over again. It was really annoying. By the time we were on set we were set on an idea. It was a complete collaboration between all of our ideas. I was never going to fall into some kind of stereotype.

**On the costumes:** We wanted



Carey Mulligan stars as Bathsheba Everdene in *Far from the Madding Crowd*. HANDOUT

**“It's a young woman in one of the Victorian classics that doesn't start her story looking to be married and isn't looking to be defined by a man.”**

Carey Mulligan, on Bathsheba Everdene

to feel like real people and not actors wearing outfits, not people wearing makeup — but still vaguely attractive in daylight.

We never wanted it to feel like a buttoned-up costume drama, where people wear outfits and look uncomfortable. It was about real people. The way Thomas shoots it's all

about performances. The era is reflected in the costumes. The makeup and the hair, because we were outside all the time, could get ruined immediately.

It had to be endurable and functional. But they always made us look good, which was a bonus.

**The idea of her ever taking**

**an action movie role:** Never say never to anything. The decisions I've made over the last couple years have been driven by the characters and the scripts and the directors.

I'm always drawn to really strong characters, but also characters that have a lot to them. I'm not really interested in playing two-dimensional people.

But what's amazing about Bathsheba is how complex and mixed-up and strong and resilient — she's just so many things in one. That's what I'm driven by. And if that came in the form of some action hero, then of course, that'd be great. But it might not happen.

## SEQUEL

# Avengers stars share fun facts



**Ned Ehrbar**  
Metro | Life

The followup to 2012's massive *The Avengers* promises to be even more gargantuan, with new superheroes, more story to tell and a one really shiny, really deadly villain. So here's what you need to know going into *Avengers: Age of Ultron*.

**1 Black Widow did not do her own stunts.** “I don't think you're allowed to ride a motorcycle when you're still pregnant,” Scarlett Johansson says. “I embarrassingly rode some sort of a mechanical bull type of motorcycle which goes nowhere and doesn't look cool at all. But we had some very professional and amazing motocross work being done that makes Black Widow look like a total badass.”

**2 Iron Man didn't do any meddling.** According to franchise star Robert Downey Jr. — who kicked off the whole Marvel Cinematic Universe deal seven years ago with *Iron Man* — he didn't have to do any meddling with the script this time around. “I read [Joss Whedon's] script, I said, ‘I think this is great.’ [Marvel honcho] Kevin [Feige] said, ‘You never say that, you can't mean that.’” Downey recalls. “I thought it was a Swiss watch to begin. So rather than dig in my heels and try to rewrite every scene ... I just showed up and it turned out great.”

**3 It nearly killed Joss Whedon.** “There's like 47 of these people, and I really didn't think that through. And I regret very much doing this at all,” jokes the writer-director, who was under tremendous pressure to follow up the critical and financial success of the first film. “At some point during the editing process, I could not have told you who

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**I could not have told you who they were, who I was, what movie I was making.**

Joss Whedon, on getting lost in the film

they were, who I was, what movie I was making. I got so lost in it. But, I think it all came together.”

**4 James Spader got a crash-course in Marvel movie-making.** The *Blacklist* star embodies the chillingly evil robot Ultron bent on destroying the *Avengers* — and humanity in general. And he barely had any time to get into character. “Luckily I'd had some conversations with Joss and one fantastic meal with a whole bunch of wine to figure out who this guy was,” says Spader.

**5 There are secrets the cast can't divulge.** Mark Ruffalo, who stars as the Hulk, says their studio bosses have ways of making them not reveal spoilers. “You know, we have a Marvel app on our iPhones and if you say something wrong it literally shocks you,” he says. OK, maybe they don't really, but we wouldn't put it past them. Speaking of secrets ...

**6 Hawkeye speaks!** Jeremy Renner's Hawkeye admittedly didn't get a whole ton of screen time in the first *Avengers*, so he gets a bit more attention this time around. “I speak in this movie, which is awesome,” Renner jokes. “I understood Hawkeye in the sense of he's a human just with a high skill set, so I could tap into that.”

**7 Jarvis comes to life!** One of the new characters on display is the much-anticipated Vision, played by Paul Bettany, who had previously only served as the voice of Tony Stark's computer system, Jarvis. “However, I now also have to show up at press junkets, so everything's a double edged sword.”



**Fact:** Scarlett Johansson was pregnant during filming, so she did not do her own stunts in *Avengers: Age of Ultron*. HANDOUT



# A dish that's Far from the Madding Crowd

## COOKING

**A simple lamb leg inspired by a classic Victorian novel**

### MY TV DINNER

Jessica Allen



Jessica Allen, the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*, faces two important questions every day. What's for dinner? And what to watch while she eats? Every Friday she'll free associate food, film and TV and discover that the answer to one question is usually found in the other.

I've never read any Thomas Hardy. I've also never cooked lamb. These two truths are related. Bear with me.

The most recent film adaptation of *Far from the Madding Crowd* — Hardy's fourth novel, which enabled him to quit his



Jessica tried her hand at a traditional recipe of lamb with rosemary #oldskool #careymulligan #farfrommaddingcrowd. FILM IMAGE CONTRIBUTED/LAMB IMAGE JESSICA ALLEN

architectural day job — hit theatres Friday.

There are as many film versions you can watch at home as there are sheep in a herd. In the newest film, Carey Mulligan stars as Bathsheba: the kind of woman who "was indispensable to high generation," Hardy wrote of his heroine, who "was hated at tea parties, feared in shops, and loved at crises." Like

a gender-reversed Judgement of Paris, Bathsheba must choose between three suitors: a sergeant, an older (and richer) bachelor, and Gabriel Oak, a sheep farmer.

That brings me to lamb, which, like many Canadians, I didn't grow up eating. My mom used to broil lamb chops for herself. But she knew we'd turn up our noses at something more exotic than Hamburger Helper.

The Oxford Companion to Food suggests that on account of the distinctive taste of lamb fat, domesticated young sheep meat has never been as popular as pork, beef and chicken in North America.

Here's the thing: I don't dislike lamb. But I've never gone out of my way to eat it. I'm inexplicably finicky about it — as stuffy as Hardy's Victorian crowd who dis-



approved of his lascivious prose that dared to suggest women aspired to more than marriage. Like Bathsheba, I had to make a decision: And I decided to make a Sunday lamb dinner.

I would turn to British food writer Nigella Lawson's *How To*

Eat for a recipe: her marinated butterflied leg of lamb with garlic potatoes to be precise. I also bought peas. (English peas, obviously.) Although it was a first for me, the dish counts as one of Lawson's "most regular regulars," which she prepares year-round — outside over a grill if the weather permits it. On Sunday, it did. So I marinated the flayed leg, which resembled something from Ridley Scott's *Alien*, in olive oil, lemon zest, smashed garlic cloves and minced rosemary.

I grilled the fatty side first. It effortlessly crisped up — almost caramelized — and it smelled of the woods. It was all so glorious that I texted my partner Simon, who works on Sundays. "It's happening!" I said. "I am making the lamb!!!!"

The dinner could've easily fed four. But we chose to make it a dinner for two. I'd like to think that Hardy, who grew up in County Dorset, where heritage breeds of sheep are plentiful, would approve. Plus — and forgive me for the 141-year-old spoiler alert — he married Bathsheba off to the sheep farmer.

## SEPARATING INFORMATION AND JOURNALISM

# Pssst, did you hear ... sometimes it's better to lose the news race



Fidel Castro and Joni Mitchell were both the subject of death rumours this week. RIGHT: AFP/GETTY IMAGES; LEFT: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



**Mike Donachie**  
Metro | Toronto

Joni Mitchell lapsed into a coma on the day Fidel Castro died. Except she didn't, we think, and he didn't. Probably.

Welcome to the world of the celebrity death rumour, and its terrifying effect on newsrooms.

This week, The Associated Press reported the 71-year-old folk singer was in a bad way.

So, in pursuit of web hits and knowing celebrity sells, news organizations across the world ran the story, until Mitchell's social media people tweeted that she

was fine, thank you, despite a stay in hospital. Cue hasty corrections, then conflicting reports about the singer's condition, depending on whom you ask.

Meanwhile, rumours of the death of Castro, everybody's favourite cigar-chomping threat to freedom, swept this newsroom. To be fair, Castro has been sick for a long time, so it might happen soon. But, at the time of writing, he isn't dead. I think.

Fellow death hoax targets Jon Bon Jovi, Jeff Goldblum and Charlie Chaplin are also still alive. Oh, wait. Not Chaplin. But Morgan Freeman dies about twice a week.

Social media may be feeding this, but the power of rumour is not new.

Mark Twain's famous statement about reports of his death being "greatly exaggerated" was made after a newspaper report in 1897, for example. Then there's the persistent nonsense about why Paul McCartney was barefoot on the Abbey Road cover, and whether he'd kicked the bucket and been replaced by another left-handed bass player who looks a bit like Angela Lansbury.

We love rumour, but it's a source of consternation for journalists. My most hated day of the year is April 1, when nobody

can believe a word they read. I usually stay in bed until noon.

As long as humans exist, there will be glee at hoodwinking others. But in this fast-moving world, there's never been a greater need for checks; just ask the Associated Press.

Social media may dominate our lives, but it should never dominate our thinking. The Joni Mitchell error shows the value of reading proper news sources and recognizing the difference between information and journalism. Sometimes it's better to lose a race, and to be trustworthy.

Just don't forget to tweet me if you see Elvis.

## Now playing

### COMEDY

**She's Funny That Way**

Director: Peter Bogdanovich  
Starring: Imogen Poots, Owen Wilson

A married Broadway director (Owen Wilson) implores a call girl to turn her life around while the star of his latest production makes a play for his wife (Kathryn Hahn) in this ensemble comedy from director Peter Bogdanovich.



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### DRAMA

**Avengers: Age of Ultron**

Director: Joss Whedon  
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans

When Tony Stark jump-starts a dormant peacekeeping program, things go awry and Earth's Mightiest Heroes: Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, The Incredible Hulk, Black Widow and Hawkeye, are put to the ultimate test.



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TOP SIX @ 6

Weeknights at 6 Hannah counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day

- 6 Aronchupa I'm An Albatroz
- 5 Ellie Goulding Love Me Like You Do
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- 3 Maroon 5 Sugar
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## A Rocky Mountain high

**'Really special' Abbot Pass Hut straddles Continental Divide, two provinces**

If it isn't already on your bucket list, it should be. Perched in the picture-perfect Rocky Mountains is one of the oldest and highest places in Canada to lay your aching bones and happy head.

The Abbot Pass Hut is a thing of beauty itself. Swiss mountain-

ers chiselled square blocks of rock out of the landscape to craft what has since been designated a national historic site. And it's like nowhere else on Earth.

The building straddles the Continental Divide and the Alberta-British Columbia boundary.

"You could go out the front door and throw a snowball down one side or down the other side and that snow, that water, would end up in two different oceans," says Keith Haberl with the Alpine Club of Canada.

You can

also make dinner in Alberta, he says, then walk across the hut and eat it in B.C.

"It really is a special place."

The alpine club took over the hut from Parks Canada in the 1970s. It also maintains and operates 24 others in Canada, making the network of back-country huts for hikers, mountain climbers and skiers the largest in North America.

Abbot Pass Hut's elevation is listed at 2,926 metres. So if you're coming from sea level, you'll first want to spend a few days in the area acclimating to the thinner air.

The only way to get to the trailhead is by booking a bus ride to Lake O'Hara in Yoho National Park; this year it runs June 19 through Oct. 4.

Once you're on the ground, the initial one to two hours of the hike is scenic and relatively easy. The next couple of hours is more gruelling, up a steep slope of small slippery rocks. A helmet is recommended as protection from rocks that fly from under the feet of people walking ahead.

But it's all worth it, says Haberl, who has made the trek a handful of times.

For some people, the hut is their destination. Others use it as a base and keep climb-

ing higher. No matter your reason for being there, you get to meet strangers and swap stories in front of a cosy fire at night. Everyone sleeps together in an upstairs loft.

Sleeping pads are provided along with cooking utensils, propane stoves and propane. There's also a wood stove and a stack of firewood.

There's no plumbing. But there's nothing like melting year-round snow in a bucket for water. And the outhouse has an amazing view.

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**The Abbot Pass Hut is a national historic site.**

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### IF YOU GO

#### Cost, bookings and more

The Abbot Pass Hut is open in the summer, closed in the winter. Bookings are made through the Alpine Club of Canada office in Canmore, Alta. Call 403-678-3200, extension 0.

The cost per night is \$25 for club members or \$36 for non-members.

The Abbot Pass Hut can accommodate up to 24 people. Bring your own food and sleeping bag.

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### TRAVEL TIPS

## Airbnb hosts should cultivate trust and safety



### ON THE MOVE

**Loren Christie**

Three days ago a Calgary couple cut their vacation short after neighbours called to let them know their Airbnb renters were trashing their home. The couple is now faced with up to \$75,000 in damages.

As terrible as this couple's experience has been, it's important to remember this is

an anomaly.

In Canada there are more than 18,000 people using this industry-leading accommodation-sharing website and worldwide more than 35 million guests have stayed with Airbnb. According to Airbnb spokesman Jakob Kerr, "property damage is extremely rare."

One of the hallmarks of the site is the user reviews of both potential hosts and guests.

These reviews allow sides to vet each other based on

referrals and past experiences.

According to Aaron Zifkin, the country manager for Canada, "the secret sauce of Airbnb is trust and safety."

Airbnb has said it has zero tolerance for the behaviour of the Calgary guests and banned them from renting again through the website.

If you are still eager to make some extra money and wouldn't mind having strangers sleeping in your space, this incident should be viewed as a good lesson

but not a reason to never use Airbnb.

In addition to vetting potential guests through the user reviews, make sure to fill out the house rules section so your guests can understand what is expected of them before booking. Do they have to arrive before dinner? Is it lights out after midnight? Are pets allowed? Be comfortable saying no if something just doesn't seem right. You are under no obligation to host everyone.

Make sure to check on lo-

cal bylaws. Various jurisdictions, such as the province of Quebec, are looking at how to regulate this rapidly growing industry. Remember that any damage, as is the case for the Calgary homeowners, is covered under Airbnb's million-dollar insurance policy.

The sad part about this incident is it takes away from the fact the overwhelming majority of Airbnb experiences are extremely positive. It costs nothing to sign up for a free listing. Airbnb also of-

fers a free photography service where a photographer will come to your home and take professional pictures of your property. Plus you get the chance to meet interesting people from around the world.

If you are a person who will never cruise again because of a Norwalk virus outbreak on a cruise ship, then Airbnb may not be for you. The bottom line is you have to be comfortable with the idea of strangers in your home.



## 5

Mumbai is affectionately dubbed The Gateway to India, welcoming millions of tourists each year who are keen to tap into the nation's largest city. Uncover Mumbai's hip haunts and quirky attractions with these top tips.

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### Colaba Social

If you're keen on checking out a funky restaurant and also have an interest in sitting with locals to chat over the latest cricket match, then head to Colaba Social. The restaurant is where local hipsters and the city's fashion fans come to sip on ginger-spiked margaritas and nibble on spicy dishes such as Goan Prawn Curry and Pulled Tandoori Chicken Makhani Bao.



### Elephanta Island

Mumbai's most popular day trip for those looking to get out of the city undoubtedly starts with an hour-long ferry ride to Elephanta Island. Populated only by a small fishing community, it was originally known as Gherapura, the "city of Ghara priests", until the Portuguese renamed the island in the 16th century in honour of the carved elephant they found at the port. Its chief attraction is its unique cave temple, whose massive Trimurti (three-faced) Shiva sculpture is as fine an example of Hindu architecture as you'll find anywhere.



### Abode Bombay

The Abode Bombay boutique hotel shines brightest as a leader in social responsibility, selling a colourful array of trinkets in a gift shop that supports local non-government organizations, empowering women by working with a women-run taxi company (whose drivers are in many cases single mothers and the sole earners in their family), and supporting a school for the blind.



### Dhobi Ghat

Mumbai's most unusual attraction is the Dhobi Ghat, an open-air laundromat where washers work in the open to clean the clothes and linens from local hotels, hospitals and households. Enjoy a magical tour of the famed al fresco laundry village while watching suds fly as a rainbow of linens gently sway in the wind.



### Taj Hotel

Top off the perfect day by indulging in high tea at the city's iconic Taj Hotel. Enjoy a stunning view overlooking the harbour as the sun sets across India's own Arc de Triomphe, the towering Gateway to India.

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# Black Forest: the stuff of fairy tales

GERMANY

## Area houses camping spot, mountains and famous cake

The Black Forest gets its name from a canopy of trees so dense that the woods seem dark, pierced only by shafts of sunlight. Mushrooms sprout across the damp forest floor. Red squirrels scamper up the towering trees; streams tumble over rocks.

No wonder this magical place inspired so many Grimms' fairytales. But the bleak name Black Forest — Schwarzwald in German — does not capture its beauty.

You can camp near the village of Enzklosterle (muellerwiese.de), in one of hundreds

of valleys scattered across the forest's vast, mountainous expanse.

Bring your own tent or RV (RV rentals are available at the Frankfurt airport); rent a tent, cabin or apartment; or choose from a variety of hotels.

The forest stretches across 6,000 square kilometres in the southwest of Germany, an easy trip from Frankfurt.

### Mountainous area

But this is no spa resort, and the mountains beckon. There are paths here of all types, from gentle strolls to demanding long-distance hikes, all well-signed and maintained. The region is also popular with mountain bikers.

Mushrooms of all shapes, sizes and shades emerge from rotting tree stumps and leaves in vivid crimson, delicate



A waterfall in Triberg, Germany, serves as a backdrop for a stroll in the Black Forest area.

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corals, black, brown, purple and orange. You mustn't try them without expert guidance though; like potions in a Grimm Brothers story, they might be poison.

On a rainy day, drive an hour to medieval Schiltach

and another half-hour to the town of Triberg.

Traditional half-timbered houses — with gabled roofs and framed windows forming distinctive geometric patterns on the building facades — add to the fairy-tale look of

the towns. Triberg also boasts three claims to fame: cuckoo clocks, Black Forest cake and Germany's highest waterfalls.

The waterfall trails are busy with visitors watching the Gutach river plunge in seven cascades, more than 160 metres

into the valley below. For a taste of Old World charm, why not window-shop for cuckoo clocks. Prices range from \$27 CDN for the tiniest clock, to more than \$1,350 for a large carved timepiece.

### Shopping, sightseeing

On the outskirts of town, visit what is billed as the world's largest cuckoo clock. For \$2.70, you can have a tour of its mechanisms.

The Black Forest's culinary showstopper also demands to be tasted.

Triberg claims the original recipe of the famous Black Forest cherry cake, which is not as sweet as variations elsewhere, but offers a light chocolatey sponge, soaked in cherry schnapps, filled with cream and cherries, and topped with chocolate shavings.

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## TRAVEL NOTES IRISH CHARM AND CARIBBEAN SPLENDOUR

### Ireland's Ashford Castle gets a reno

Luxury brand Red Carnation Hotels recently finished work on Ashford Castle in Co. Mayo in the west of Ireland. The castle dates back to 1228. The renovation included the addition of a 32-seat cinema,

billiard room, cigar terrace and children's games room. Home to the Guinness family for more than 100 years, the castle has welcomed the likes of King George V, singer Barbra Streisand and actor John Travolta. Visit AshfordCastle.com.



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### Bucket List: Grace Bay Club

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos, sets the scene for this little paradise, one of the first all-oceanfront suite resorts in the Caribbean. With more than 1,000 feet of beach and three levels of accommoda-

tion, Grace Bay offers water-sports, golf, tennis, horseback riding and lots of lying around while being waited on hand and foot. This retreat is also home to the Caribbean Food and Wine Festival each year. Visit GraceBayResorts.com. DOUG WALLACE



Grace Bay Club. CONTRIBUTED





The NBL Canada championship series between the Halifax Rainmen and Windsor Express was a close battle. The series was supposed to be decided with Game 7 on Thursday night in Windsor, but was cancelled at the last minute. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Rainmen leave title on the table after altercation

### NBL CANADA

#### Windsor awarded crown upon league's forfeit ruling



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

The National Basketball League of Canada suffered "a black eye" Thursday, after a fight that broke out between the Halifax Rainmen and Windsor Express at morning practices resulted in Game 7 of the championship series being cancelled.

The final game of the series was supposed to tip off at 8 p.m. AT in Windsor.

But the Rainmen never

showed up.

Fans arrived at the WFCU Centre and local broadcasters prepared to air the game live, but with the visiting team missing in action, the game was first delayed by a half hour before being officially cancelled.

The NBL Canada had initially stated the game had been "postponed," but a league update released Thursday night said the Express had been declared the league champions by way of a Halifax forfeit in Game 7.

"According to NBL Canada rules, in the instance when a team does not appear for a game, a forfeit is ordered and the opposing team is awarded the victory," a league statement read.

The league title is Windsor's second straight.

Sources told Metro that



**I'm sure today's incident will come with much criticism, which is well-deserved, but I'm hoping it serves as a wake-up call that we, the owners, must do a better job.**

Rainmen owner and president Andre Levingston

the Rainmen weren't thrilled with their slotted 1 p.m. shoot-around time, so they showed up early, just before the Express were scheduled for their time on the court.

"It spun out of control," an anonymous source said, with staff members and players getting caught up in a physical altercation that involved both punches and chairs being thrown.

Word that centres Liam Mc Morrow of the Rainmen and DeAndre Thomas of the Express

"were going to go after each other" during the evening's game was cause for safety concerns, the source said.

"Today truly is a black eye for our league," Rainmen owner and president Andre Levingston said in his team's statement. "When the game is not safe for players to compete, there is a problem."

"We have to do a better job of governing our league and putting principles in place where there are strict consequences."

The Rainmen were report-

edly already on the road heading to the airport as those inside the WFCU Centre waited patiently for the seventh and final game to start.

Windsor Express head coach Bill Jones said in the release, "it's unfortunate we couldn't do it on the court, but we gave them a chance to play us for that championship, and they didn't do that."

Levingston was scheduled for an interview with Metro on Thursday evening but could not be reached.

"I've played basketball all my life and have the utmost respect for the game, but what I witnessed today leaves me sadden(ed)," he said in the team's official statement.

"Not just for me, but for our fans, our partners and community."

### NHL PLAYOFFS

#### Caps' beat the clock, Rangers

Joel Ward scored with 1.3 seconds left to give the Washington Capitals a 2-1 victory over the New York Rangers on Thursday night in Game 1 of their second-round series.

Ward drove to the net and tapped Alex Ovechkin's feed past Henrik Lundqvist. After the goal was confirmed by replay, Ovechkin kissed Ward on the cheek.

Following a mostly ceremonial final faceoff, the teams skirmished at centre ice.

Ovechkin opened the scoring on a power play with 1:47 remaining in the first period. Jesper Fast tied it with 4:39 left in the third, tipping Kevin Hayes' point shot past goalie Braden Holtby.

Holtby made 31 saves, and Lundqvist stopped 27 shots.

Game 2 is Saturday at Madison Square Garden.

The Capitals ended a two-game losing streak against New York in the playoffs. Washington also lost three of the four regular-season meetings with the Rangers.

Ovechkin's goal was Washington's first playoff score against Lundqvist in 138:13 dating to Game 6 of the 2013 Eastern Conference quarterfinals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**Rangers right-winger Martin St. Louis, front, and Capitals defenceman John Carlson battle for the puck on Thursday in New York.**

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# A Saturday as big as it gets

MAYWEATHER-PACQUIAO

## Fight of the century not only event to anticipate

The most-anticipated fight of all time; the best-known horse race; the premier baseball rivalry; the NFL draft: those are just the highlights.

Super Saturday — perhaps a day unlike any other in the history of sports — awaits.

Stock the refrigerator, replace the remote batteries, get the weekend errands done early, invite your friends, fire up that grill and if you're very fortunate, confirm those flights. For the sports consumer, an amazing number of options will be available.

From the Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao fight that could generate \$400 million and topple every known record in boxing history, to the 141st edition of the Kentucky Derby, to the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox colliding for the 2,142nd time to the NFL draft's final rounds and so much more, it's a sports enthusiast's dream.

The fight in Las Vegas is overshadowing all, with good reason.

"I don't plan on being there," said Masters champion Jordan Spieth, "but I may



The pay-per-view for the Mayweather-Pacquiao fight will cost around \$100 to watch in your home. JOHN GURZINSKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

be."

Here's the translation. Spieth is playing in the Match Play Championship at San Francisco — another really big event that won't generate much of a blip this weekend because of everything else happening in the sports world. If he's ousted before Saturday, his consolation prize is a trip to Vegas.

"There are tickets," Spieth said.

Tickets, yes — ones he doesn't want to use, but at least he has

them. Most people didn't have a chance at getting into the MGM Grand this weekend, and some deep-pocketed folks have spent more than \$250,000 for a pair of prime seats.

"I've never seen

anything like this in my life," said Freddie Roach, Pacquiao's trainer.

He meant the spectacle surrounding the fight.

He could have just as easily been talking

about the worldwide hubbub of what awaits on Super Saturday.

"It's time to fight now ... the biggest fight in boxing history,"

Mayweather said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The fight will be broadcast in at least 52 countries, and who knows how many will be able to access it online globally.



**NFL DRAFT TAMPA BAY END SUSPENSE WITH WINSTON PICK** Jameis Winston takes the call from Tampa Bay Buccaneers Thursday in Bessemer, Ala. The Bucs put an end to months of speculation by selecting the talented-but-troubled signal caller, who won the Heisman Trophy in 2013. BUTCH DILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Bulls give Bucks beatdown for the ages

Ike Dunleavy scored 20 points and the Chicago Bulls came close to an NBA playoff record, finally putting away the Milwaukee Bucks with a 120-66 victory in Game 6 to clinch their first-round series Thursday night.

The Bulls, who move on to face the Cleveland Cavaliers in the second round, finished four points away from the NBA playoff record for largest margin of victory. Minnesota beat St. Louis 133-75 on March 19, 1956.

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### NHL playoff ratings up

The big winner through the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs may be Rogers Media.

The Toronto-based company, which paid \$5.2 billion for exclusive national rights

to all NHL games for 12 years, saw ratings jump 36 per cent over last season's first round, according to Canadian ratings company Numeris.

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### Pillar pushes Jays to victory

Kevin Pillar's two-run double highlighted a big fourth inning and Toronto's bullpen worked the final six innings, leading the Blue Jays to a 5-1 win over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday night.

The Blue Jays, the highest-scoring team in the American League, broke open a scoreless game with a five-run inning.

Blue Jays starter Daniel Norris lasted only three innings, but Jeff Francis, Roberto Ozuna, Aaron Loup and Brett Cecil finished it off. Francis (1-0) allowed one run in 2 1-3 innings.

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NBA

## Wiggins named rookie of the year

Dressed in a navy blue tuxedo with shiny black lapels, Andrew Wiggins certainly looked the part while collecting his NBA rookie of the year award Thursday.

The Canadian phenom looked even better on the court in his first season in the league.

The Vaughan, Ont., native received 110 of 130 first-place votes and had 604 points in the voting. Chicago's Nikola Mirotic finished second with 14 first-place votes and 335 points.

"It means a lot to me. I know it means a lot to the organization and there's a whole lot of

history," Wiggins said. "It should bring a lot of hope for the future of the Minnesota Timberwolves.

It should give people a different look at things. This is the uprising. We've got a lot of young talent."

After coming to the Timberwolves in the trade that sent Kevin Love to Cleveland, Wiggins averaged 16.9 points and 4.6 rebounds while playing all 82 games.

Wiggins was drafted No. 1 overall by the Cavaliers last summer.

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- 2 Tbsp rice vinegar
- 3 Tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp molasses
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp hot chili paste (or to taste)
- 6 oz medium rice noodles (¼ inch wide)
- 1½ cups thinly sliced red or yellow bell pepper
- 1½ cups thinly sliced snow or sugar snap peas
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro or parsley
- 2 tsp sesame seeds, toasted
- Fresh bean sprouts and chopped red onion (optional)

#### Directions

1. Place chicken, soy sauce and cornstarch in a bowl; stir till well combined. Add oil to large non-stick wok and sauté chicken 4 minutes, until almost cooked. Remove and set



aside. Wipe out the pan.

2. For sauce, combine stock, vinegar, soy sauce, sugar, molasses, cornstarch, sesame oil and chili paste in a small bowl; stir until well combined.

3. Cook noodles in boiling water 2 minutes. Drain and set aside.

4. Respray wok with cooking oil and add peppers and peas. Sauté 2 minutes, stir in the sauce and chicken. Cook, stirring, for about 1 minute, until the sauce has thickened. Add the rice noodles and heat thoroughly, about 2 minutes. Serve on a large platter garnished with cilantro or parsley and sesame seeds. Scatter bean sprouts and onion on top, if desired.

#### Nutrition information per serving

- Calories 317
- Protein 40 g
- Fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 2 g
- Carbohydrates 16 g
- Cholesterol 148 mg
- Sodium 506 mg
- Fibre 1.9 g

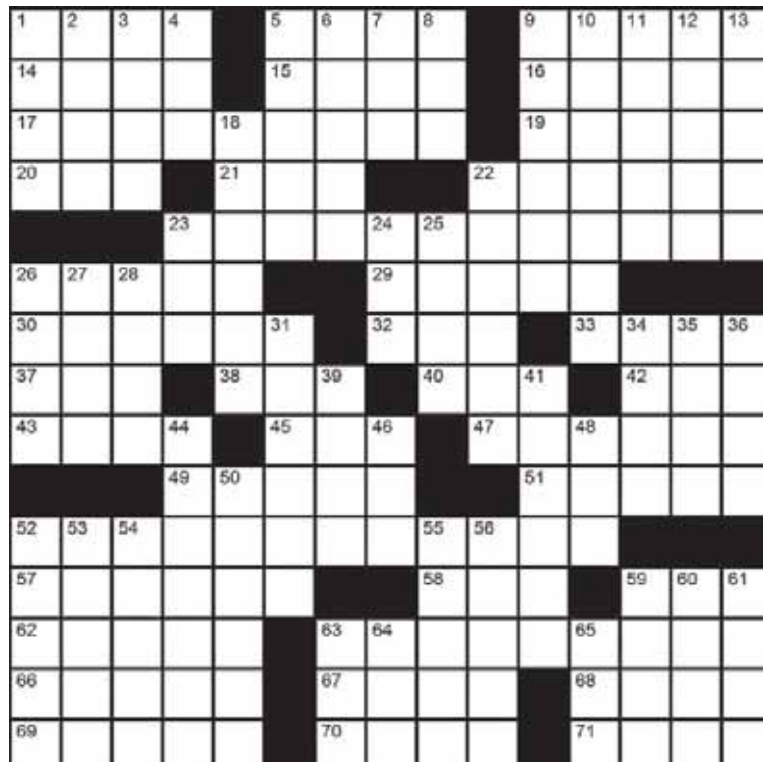
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

- Facial arch
- Adhere
- Chunks
- Hawkeye State
- Lima's land
- Engraved head necklace piece
- Iron Man's alter ego in the new Robert Downey Jr. superhero movie at #30-Across: 2 wds.
- Canadian singer Eva of "Bitter Meets Sweet"
- First aid team, e.g.
- She alternative
- Portland's state
- Carey Mulligan's new movie based on the 1874 Thomas Hardy novel, "Far from the \_\_\_\_" (2015)
- Shock weapon
- The Carpenters songstress
- "Avengers: Age of \_\_\_\_" (2015)
- Centre
- Inscribe
- Furthermore
- \_\_\_\_ King Cole
- Pharaoh snake
- Shed tool
- Beehive State
- \_\_\_\_-i-Noor Diamond
- Journalist's informative contact
- Thwart
- Regular



- "Rough Hands" and "This Could Be Anywhere in the World" band from St. Catharines, ON
- Best Buy purchase
- 'Germ' add-on (Relevant)
- Quest's opposite

- 'Punny' joke reaction
- Sport for Harry Potter
- Befuddle
- Commedia dell'arte
- Lei-wearer's party
- BC: Island of the Haida Gwaii

- archipelago
- Pizza \_\_\_\_ (Product by frozen meals brand Michelina's)
- Nice

### DOWN

- Chomp
- Leeway
- Possesses

- \_\_\_\_, Lois & Bram
- Shrek's beloved Fiona, for one
- Sea: French
- Pres. Eisenhower
- "Glee" actress Ms. Rivera
- Ballet skirt
- Much: 2 wds.
- Ancient portico
- Village in BC known for its hot springs
- Drive-\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_-Cola
- Scoundrel
- "What's Love Got \_\_\_\_ with It" by Tina Turner
- Served the orange juice
- Ron \_\_\_\_ (Brandon, MB born goalie who is currently GM of the Philadelphia Flyers)
- Farm bird
- Function
- Mr. Richie, Nicole's dad
- Pertaining to a pond's green film
- Greasy
- Lyric poem
- Stefano \_\_\_\_ Canadian celebrity chef
- Book's reference section
- Dainty case
- Skim over
- Dull sound
- \_\_\_\_ in Quebec
- Under
- \_\_\_\_-so

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Mercury's change of sign today urges a change in attitude on your part. Try taking a step back from what you have been stressing about over the past few weeks.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
The more others try to change your way of looking at things the more you will dig in your heels, and you are right to resist. Only you know what is best for you and your instincts tell you this is a time for consolidation, not change.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
It is time to seize the initiative, declare your independence and start something new. With Mercury, your ruler, moving into your own sign today you can be sure that whatever you begin will be stamped with the mark of success.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
There are times when you are quite unsociable and this is one of them. By all means spend some time by yourself to think things through and decide what your next major move is going to be.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Social activities are under excellent stars at the moment, so take time out of your busy schedule to have fun with friends. Also, if there is some kind of cause or social movement that is close to your heart now is the time to get more involved.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
If you are not making career plans then you should be. Don't think only in terms of earning money and moving up the corporate ladder, think too about making a difference.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
This is a good time to be on the move but if work and family commitments keep you stuck in one place you can at least make vacation plans for later in the year. Go somewhere exotic.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Mind planet Mercury moves into one of the more secretive areas of your chart today, so chances are you won't have much to say for yourself and what you do say will be deliberately misleading. Just watch out you don't mislead yourself.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Partners and loved ones will have plenty to say for themselves today and not all of it will be music to your ears, but do listen. Once they have let off steam things will quickly get back to normal.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
A task you have been putting off for ages will have to be dealt with over the next few days. Then you can turn your attention to more enjoyable things.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Don't worry if your confidence has been a bit low in recent weeks because as from today you will be much more positive about your long-term prospects. It's always a great time to be you, but now more so than ever.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
A needy individual may get on your nerves but being the nice guy you are you will do what you can to help them. But make sure they know that this is not going to become a regular thing. Sooner or later they have to get a grip.

### CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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